

## Yeas—22.

Dibrell.	McGee.
Beaty.	Neal.
Davidson of	Odell.
DeWitt.	Paulus.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Hanger.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Wayland.
Harris of Hunt.	Wheeler.
James.	Wilson.
Lipscomb.	Yett.

## Nays—2.

Goss.	Lloyd.
Absent.	
Johnson.	Stafford.
Patterson.	Turner.
Absent—Excused.	
Miller.	Turney.
Potter.	

Senator Harris of Hunt moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table. Motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Senator Staples, the Senate, at 12:23 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## THIRTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Tex., Friday, Jan. 25, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

## Present—24.

Beaty.	McGee.
Davidson of	Neal.
DeWitt.	Odell.
Davidson of	Patterson.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Goss.	Savage.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Staples.
Harris of Bexar.	Swann.
James.	Wayland.
Johnson.	Wheeler.
Lipscomb.	Wilson.
Lloyd.	Yett.

## Absent—5.

Dibrell.	Stafford.
Harris of Hunt.	Turner.
Miller.	
Absent—Excused.	
Potter.	Turney.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Swann, the same was dispensed with.

## EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Neal, Senator Stafford was excused from attendance upon the Senate until Monday morning, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Wilson, Senator Miller was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, Senator Harris of Hunt was excused from attendance upon the Senate until Tuesday, on account of sickness.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on State Penitentiaries, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 81, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to organize a Board of Pardon Advisers, and more fully define its powers and duties,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

NEAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on State Penitentiaries, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 90, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3698, of Chapter 6, of Title LXXIX, and to fix the minimum salaries of under officers and employes of the State penitentiaries of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

NEAL, Chairman.

## MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, Providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

DAVIDSON of DeWitt, Chairman.

## MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: We, a minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, Providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

GRINNAN,  
STAFFORD.

Senator Hanger, for Senator Stafford, Chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1, sent up the following committee reports:

## MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 62, being a bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the venue in suits upon written contracts,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

## MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 62, being a bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the venue in suits upon written contracts,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

HANGER,  
DAVIDSON of Galveston,  
HARRIS of Bexar.

Seator Hanger, for Senator Stafford, Chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1, sent up the following committee reports:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 107, being a bill to be entitled "An Act declaring and making all mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts and other obligations in writing whereby land or real property situated in the State of Texas is made security for the payment of debts, together with such debts to be land or real property, for the purpose of assessment and taxation; to provide for the assessment thereof for taxation, and to provide for the sale thereof for such taxes,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 91, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1316, Chapter 12, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to charges and instructions to juries,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 58, being a bill to be

entitled "An Act to prohibit the traffic in examination questions used by the county school boards of examiners or by the summer normal boards of examiners in the examination of teachers, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 103, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 108, of the Acts of 1895,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 104, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the district court to appoint new trustees for church property, directing the proceedings therein, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 98, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 331, of Chapter 2, Title XIV, of Revised Civil Statutes of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate sales of school lands in certain cases."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Yett:

Senate bill No. 113, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of superintendents of the several insane asylums of this State."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act punishing persons who shall forge the consent of parents or guardian for the purpose of procuring a license for marriage."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Wilson:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, a resolution amending the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 11a, so as to allow incorporated cities and towns, by vote of the tax-payers thereof, to exempt for a term of years from local taxation certain species of property.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Morning call concluded.

## REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 35.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, with a committee substitute, and on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 23, Article 1194, Chapter 4, Title XXX, and Article 1484, Chapter 21, Title XXX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to fix the venue of suits against railroad corporations or any assignee, trustee or receiver, operating their railroads in the county in which the cause of action against them or a part thereof arises."

Bill was read second time, and action being on committee substitute (see committee reports Journal January 18th), the same was adopted.

Bill was then ordered engrossed.

## REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 43.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2556, Chapter 1, Title LI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the papers that shall be copied at length in the minutes of the court, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

#### SENATE BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Senator Hanger, Senate bill No. 58, which had been referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1, and reported today with recommendation of said committee, was withdrawn therefrom and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2 (see committee report above).

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 44.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1851, Chapter 2, Title XXXIX, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing what papers shall be recorded in the probate minutes, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 17.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a four year college course of classical and scientific studies of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 28.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, with committee substitute, and on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating quarantine against dangerous, contagious and infectious diseases."

Bill read second time, and pending further consideration,

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved that the Senate rule requiring commit-

tee reports to lay on the table for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, reported from committee today.

Rule was suspended.

#### RESOLUTION ON SECOND READING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, the regular order of business was suspended and the Senate took up Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 (see committee report above), with majority favorable and minority unfavorable committee reports.

The resolution was read second time, and

Senator Davidson of DeWitt offered the following amendment, which, after being read, was ordered printed in the Journal, together with the original resolution, and on further motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt further consideration of the resolution and amendment was postponed, the same going to the table subject to call.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

By Goss:

Joint resolution providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That a convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas shall assemble at the city of Austin on the first Wednesday in September, 1901, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution.

Sec. 2. The convention herein provided for shall be composed of ninety-three delegates of the people.

Sec. 3. Such delegates shall be chosen and elected by the qualified electors of the State of Texas as follows: The qualified electors of each Senatorial district shall choose and elect three delegates.

Sec. 4. An election shall be held on the first Monday in August, 1901, for the election of such delegates; such election shall be governed and controlled by the laws now in force in regard to general elections; and the vote of each county shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the county judge of such county.

Sec. 5. The Governor shall issue his proclamation upon the passage of these resolutions, directing the several officers of this State, empowered by law to conduct, manage and supervise elections under the laws of Texas, and, as now

provided by these resolutions, to hold said elections and make return of the result of the same.

Sec. 6. That the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the mileage and per diem of delegates to and officers of said convention, and the contingent expenses of said body, which may be drawn or paid out in the manner to be provided for by said convention.

#### AMENDMENT OFFERED BY SENATOR DAVIDSON OF DEWITT.

"Amend the resolution by adding after Section 6 the following:

"Section 7. Before assuming the duties of office the delegates shall take the following oath: You do solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and that you will faithfully discharge your duty as delegate to this convention, for the purpose of revising and amending the Constitution of the State of Texas. And you further swear that you will incorporate into the new Constitution now about to be recommended by you the following language: The homestead of a family shall be, and is hereby protected from forced sales, for the payment of all debts, except for the purchase money thereof, or a part of such purchase money, the taxes due thereon, or for work and material used in constructing improvements thereon, and in this last case only when the work and material are contracted for in writing, with the consent of the wife given in the same manner as is required in making a sale and conveyance of the homestead, nor shall the owner, if a married man, sell the homestead without the consent of the wife, given in such manner as may be prescribed by law. No mortgage, trust deed or other lien on the homestead shall ever be valid, except for the purchase money thereof, or improvements made thereon, as hereinbefore provided, whether such mortgage or trust deed or other lien shall have been created by the husband alone or together with his wife, and all pretended sales of the homestead involving any condition of defeasance shall be void. And do you further swear that you will incorporate into the new Constitution now about to be recommended by you the following language: The homestead not in a town or city shall consist of not more than two hundred acres of land, which may be in one or more parcels, with the improvements thereon; the homestead in

a city, town or village shall consist of lot or lots, not to exceed in value five thousand dollars at the time of their designation as the homestead, without reference to the value of any improvements thereon; provided, that the same shall be used for the purpose of a home, or as a place to exercise the calling or business of the head of a family; provided, also, that any temporary renting of the homestead shall not change the character of the same when no other homestead has been acquired. And you further swear that you will incorporate into the new Constitution now about to be recommended by you the following language: Railroads heretofore constructed or which may hereafter be constructed in this State are hereby declared public highways and railroad companies common carriers. The Legislature shall pass laws to regulate railroad freight and passenger tariff, to correct abuses, and prevent unjust discrimination and extortion in the rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroads in this State, and enforce the same by adequate penalties; and to the further accomplishment of these objects and purposes may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable."

#### PENDING BUSINESS—SENATE BILL NO. 28.

Action recurring on the adoption of the committee substitute to Senate bill No. 28 (see committee report in Journal of January 23), the same was read and adopted.

Senator Wayland offered the following amendment:

"Strike out in Section 2, page 1, the following: 'In counties bordering along the boundary line of the republic of Mexico,' and insert the following in lieu thereof: 'in all counties.'"

The amendment was read, and lost.

Senator Yett offered the following amendment:

"Strike out the word 'or' and insert the word 'and' wherever it occurs in the bill connecting the words 'contagious or infectious.'"

The amendment was read, and adopted.

Bill was ordered engrossed, and

On motion of Senator McGee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Beaty.	Lloyd.
Davidson of	McGee.
DeWitt.	Odell.
Davidson of	Patterson.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Goss.	Savage.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Hanger.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Wayland.
James.	Wilson.
Johnson.	Yett.
Lipscomb.	

## Nays—1.

Wheeler.

## Absent.

Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Neal.	Turner.

## Absent—Excused.

Harris of Hunt.	Stafford.
Miller.	Turney.
Potter.	

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Beaty.	McGee.
Davidson of	Odell.
DeWitt.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Savage.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Hanger.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Wayland.
James.	Wilson.
Lipscomb.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

## Nays—1.

Wheeler.

## Absent.

Dibrell.	Neal.
Johnson.	Turner.

## Absent—Excused.

Harris of Hunt.	Stafford.
Miller.	Turney.
Potter.	

Senator McGee moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Motion to table prevailed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By unanimous consent, the following committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 9, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 56, of Article 642, of Chapter 130, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 641 and 642, Chapter 2, Title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to corporations,'"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 42, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 128, of the Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, sent to the Governor for his approval on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1899,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 53, being a bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the printing of election tickets to be voted at any State, district, county, precinct or municipal election or primary election in this State; defining the duties of those charged with the responsibility of providing election tickets, with reference to the preparation of such tickets; providing for the endorsement of such regularly prepared tickets as official by the county judge of the county wherein such ticket is to be voted; prohibiting the printing or circulating of election tickets not so prepared and endorsed as official, and providing a penalty therefor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 89, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time of

the payment of the State and county taxes for the year 1900 and all prior years in the counties of Brazoria, Montgomery, Brazos, Galveston, Grimes, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Harris, Waller, Austin, Wharton, Colorado and Chambers, for ninety days from and after the first day of February, 1901."

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
BEATY, Chairman.

#### SENATE BILL CALLED UP—SENATE BILL NO. 45.

Senator Hanger called up from the table, on final passage,

Senate bill No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 719, of Chapter 5, Title VIII, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1895, relating to the charge of courts in misdemeanor cases."

The Chair then laid the bill before the Senate, on its final passage, and

The bill was passed.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 42.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its third reading and final passage, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 128, of the Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, sent to the Governor for his approval on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1899."

Bill read third time, and passed.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 37.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the public school curriculum."

Bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 38.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3929a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 9, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the duties of county superintendent of public instruction."

Bill read second time, and

Senator Paulus offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding thereto the following: 'Any teacher who shall willfully refuse to attend said institutes shall have his certificate canceled.'"

Amendment was read, and lost.

(Senator McGee in the chair.)

Senator Paulus offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding thereto: 'Any teacher who fails to attend said institutes without making to county superintendent of public instruction a satisfactory excuse for his failure to attend shall not be paid for teaching on days on which institutes are held.'"

Amendment was read, and adopted.

Senator Wheeler offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the word 'instructions,' in line 13, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'instruction.'"

The amendment was read, and adopted.

Senator Wheeler offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting before the word 'failure,' in line 24, the word 'wilful.'"

The amendment was read, and adopted.

Pending further consideration of the bill, the same was, on motion of Senator Savage, tabled, subject to call.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 39.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, with committee amendment and on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3910, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to school days and school months."

Bill was read second time, and action being on committee amendment (see committee reports, Journal, January 24), the same was adopted.

Bill was then ordered engrossed.

#### REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 46.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 856 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the execution of judgment in misdemeanor cases when the punishment is assessed at a pecuniary fine."

Bill was read second time, and pending further consideration,

On motion of Senator Davidson of De Witt, was tabled, subject to call.

REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL  
NO. 61.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate primary elections and conventions, to prescribe the manner of holding the same, making returns, declaring the results, and for regulating illegal practices therein, and to prescribe the conditions of participating therein."

Bill was read second time, and pending further consideration,

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the bill was tabled, subject to call.

REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL  
NO. 68.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Treasurer, when money is remaining in the State treasury to the credit of any county, city or town after the obligations for which such money was placed in the treasury have been fully paid off, to return such money to the county, city or town to which it belongs."

Bill was read second time, and pending further consideration,

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, the bill was tabled, subject to call.

REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL  
NO. 70.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, with committee amendment, and on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the titles to certain lands located and patented in Carson, Dallam and Hutchinson counties since July 14, 1879."

Bill was read second time, action being on committee amendment (see committee report, Journal, January 23), and pending further consideration,

On motion of Senator Savage, the bill and committee amendment were tabled, subject to call.

REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL  
NO. 75.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining a further cause of continuance in civil and criminal cases, and to declare an emergency."

8—Senate.

Bill read second time, and pending further consideration,

On motion of Senator Goss, the bill was tabled, subject to call.

REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL  
NO. 78.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt school trustees and aldermen of certain cities from the penalties prescribed in an act entitled 'An Act to create a State Text-book Board, and to procure, for use in the public free schools of the State of Texas a series of uniform text-books; defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto; making appropriation therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,' approved June 10, 1897."

Bill was read second time, and pending further consideration,

Senator Hanger moved to table the bill, subject to call.

Motion to table subject to call prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Beaty.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Wayland.
Hanger.	Wilson.
Johnson.	Yett.
McGee.	

Nays—11.

Davidson of	Lloyd.
DeWitt.	Odell.
Goss.	Savage.
Harris of Bexar.	Staples.
James.	Swann.
Lipsecomb.	Wheeler.

Absent.

Dibrell.	Turner.
Neal.	

Absent—Excused.

Harris of Hunt.	Stafford.
Miller.	Turney.
Potter.	

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Wayland, Senator Dibrell was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate for today, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, the Senate, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, January 29.